

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying a menu with a GUI for representing a plurality of user-controllable options, comprising:

- at least two sub-menus,

wherein:

a user can select a specific one of the sub-menus;

upon selection, the specific sub-menu is graphically represented in a prominent manner and another sub-menu is graphically represented in an unobtrusive manner.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu with a higher degree of semi-transparency, compared to the specific sub-menu, with respect to a background;
- representing the other sub-menu with a lower degree of contrast and the specific menu with a higher degree of contrast.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusively manner is achieved by displaying said other sub-menu as being part of at least:

- a background motive;
- a background graphics art.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu using a smaller size and the specific sub-menu with a bigger size;
- representing the other sub-menu using fewer details and the specific menu using more details.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein a pictorial graphical representation is used for displaying the other sub-menu.

6. A data processing device with a GUI for representing a plurality of user-controllable options, comprising:

- at least two sub-menus,

wherein:

a user can select a specific one of the sub-menus;

upon selection, the specific sub-menu is graphically represented in a prominent manner and an other sub-menu is graphically represented in an unobtrusive manner.

7. The data processing device of claim 6, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu with a higher degree of semi-transparency, compared to the specific sub-menu, with respect to a background;
- representing the other sub-menu with a lower degree of contrast and the specific menu with a higher degree of contrast.

8. The data processing device of claim 6, wherein said unobtrusively manner is achieved by displaying said other sub-menu as being part of at least:

- a background motive;
- a background graphics art.

9. The data processing device of claim 6, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu using a smaller size and the specific sub-menu with a bigger size;
- representing the other sub-menu using fewer details and the specific menu using more details.

10. The data processing device of claim 9, wherein a pictorial graphical representation is used for displaying the other sub-menu.

11. A method of enabling a user to interact with a GUI for representing a plurality of user-controllable options, comprising:

- at least two sub-menus,

wherein:

a user can select a specific one of the sub-menus;

upon selection, the specific sub-menu is graphically represented in a prominent manner and an other sub-menu is graphically represented in an unobtrusive manner.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu with a higher degree of semi-transparency, compared to the specific sub-menu, with respect to a background;
- representing the other sub-menu with a lower degree of contrast and the specific menu with a higher degree of contrast.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein said unobtrusively manner is achieved by displaying said other sub-menu as being part of at least:

- a background motive;
- a background graphics art.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu using a smaller size and the specific sub-menu with a bigger size;
- representing the other sub-menu using fewer details and the specific menu using more details.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein a pictorial graphical representation is used for displaying the other sub-menu.

16. A SW application for representing a GUI for displaying a plurality of user-controllable options, comprising:

- at least two sub-menus,

wherein:

a user can select a specific one of the sub-menus;

upon selection, the specific sub-menu is graphically represented in a prominent manner and an other sub-menu is graphically represented in an unobtrusive manner.

17. The SW application of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu with a higher degree of semi-transparency, compared to the specific sub-menu, with respect to a background;
- representing the other sub-menu with a lower degree of contrast and the specific menu with a higher degree of contrast.

18. The SW application of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusively manner is achieved by displaying said other sub-menu as being part of at least:

- a background motive;
- a background graphics art.

19. The SW application of claim 1, wherein said unobtrusive manner is achieved by using at least one of the following techniques:

- representing the other sub-menu using a smaller size and the specific sub-menu with a bigger size;
- representing the other sub-menu using fewer details and the specific menu using more details.

20. The SW application of claim 4, wherein a pictorial graphical representation is used for displaying the other sub-menu.